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1. **Berlin elections not to be postponed**--US Ambassador Caffery has informed French Foreign Minister Schuman that the US does not consider that it could postpone the 5 December Berlin municipal elections, which are being carried out in accordance with the Berlin Constitution agreed upon by the Four Powers in 1946. Caffery pointed out that, in holding the election at this time in the western sectors, the western powers are honoring their obligation whereas the USSR, by forbidding elections in the eastern sector, is violating this Four-Power agreement. Caffery declared that the US does not consider that the elections themselves would bring about an "irremediable division" in Berlin but believes instead that the city is already effectively divided by actions taken by the Soviet authorities. S-TS

2. **Spaak's views on Atlantic Pact membership**--Belgian Premier Spaak has told US Ambassador Kirk that any country the US chooses to invite for inclusion in the Atlantic Pact will be satisfactory to Belgium. Spaak added, however, that any proposed extension of the pact would have to receive careful diplomatic preparation. Ambassador Kirk expresses his opinion that Spaak still considers that a stronger pact would result from limiting the membership at the outset and building up the military strength of such a close-knit organization. Concerning the possible range of a North Atlantic Pact, Spaak indicated: (a) free acceptance of the US strategic need for inclusion of Iceland and Greenland; (b) doubt that the Scandinavian states should be included; and (c) concern lest the Belgian Congo be omitted from defense arrangements. S-TS

3. **Scandinavians desire assurance of military aid**--According [redacted] sador to Norway has expressed the opinion that Norway is S-S -S

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unlikely to participate in North Atlantic Pact talks unless assurances are given as to the amount of aid Norway could expect. Marvel believes that Danish participation is dependent upon similar assurances.

US Ambassador Matthews in Stockholm expresses his view that Sweden is now officially aware of the impossibility of unilateral US military aid. He considers that this awareness will not only make the Swedes think more seriously about their isolation but will prevent them from arguing with the Danes and Norwegians that US military aid is possible without membership in a North Atlantic Pact.

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